

# 2014 Pre-Flood Briefing

Local partners working together  
to protect the communities  
of Lake County

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## Overview

- Current Situation & Flood Outlook
- Sources of Information
- Lake County Flood Response
- Expectations of Partner Organizations
- Coordination Tools
- Disaster Proclamation / Declaration Process
- Questions

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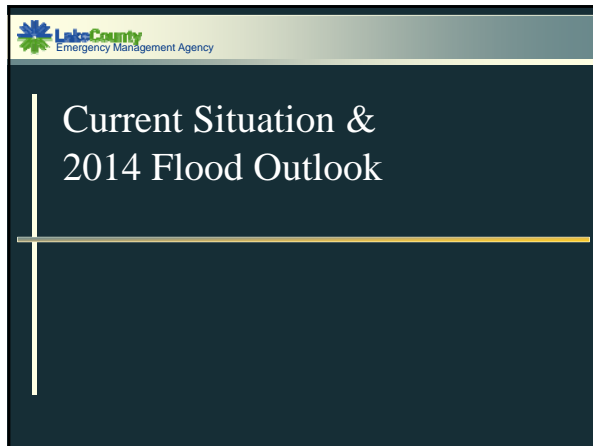
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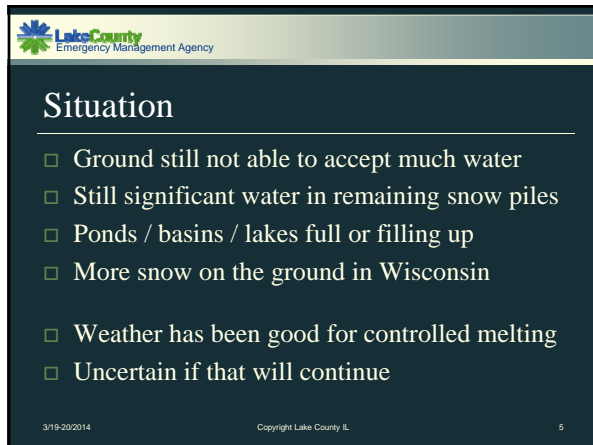
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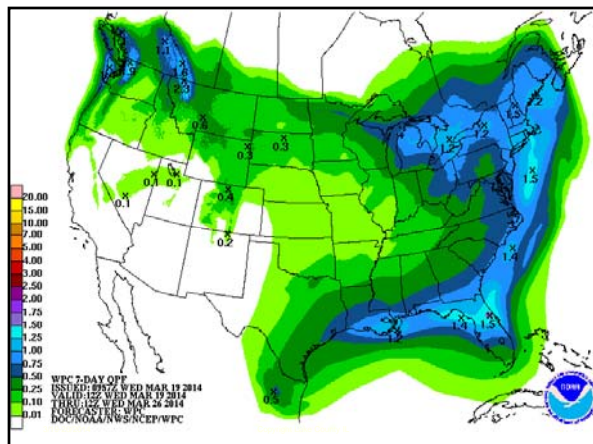
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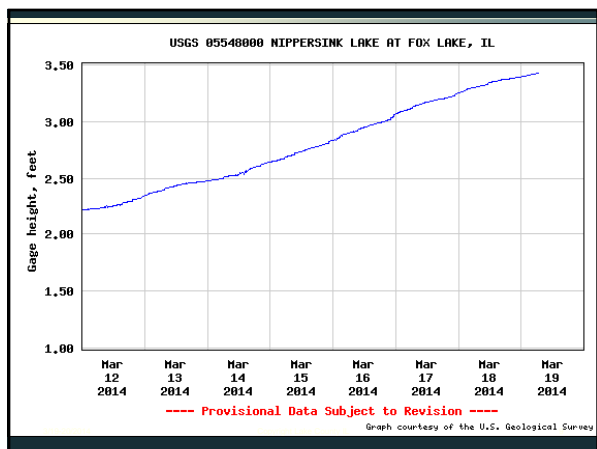
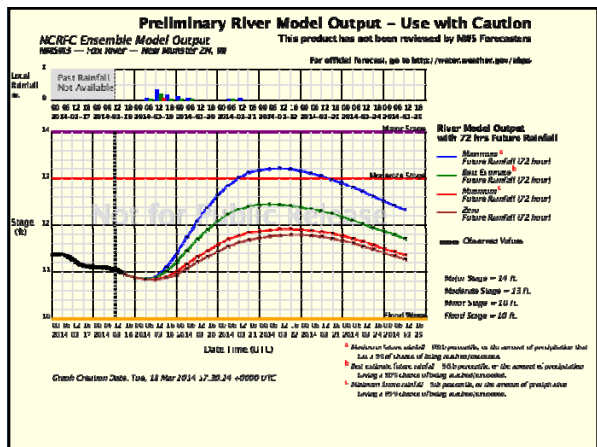
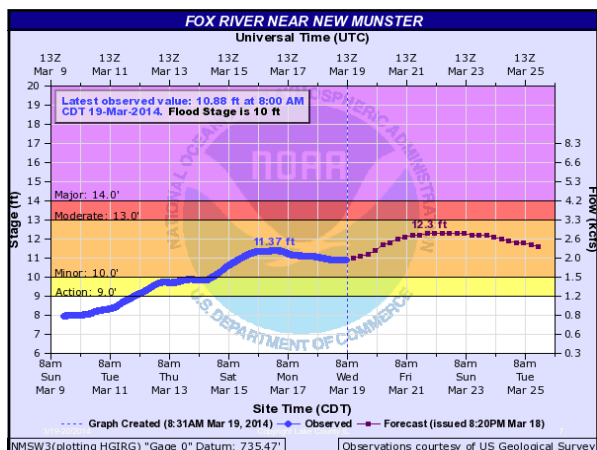
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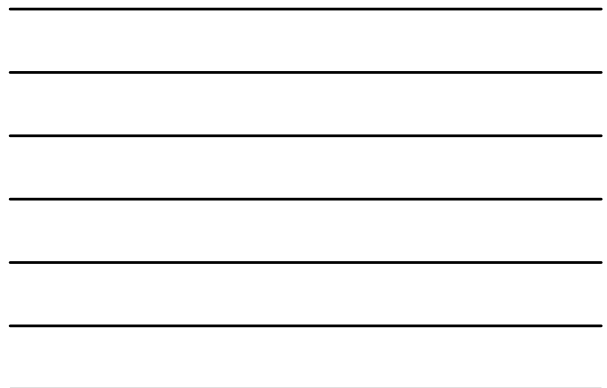
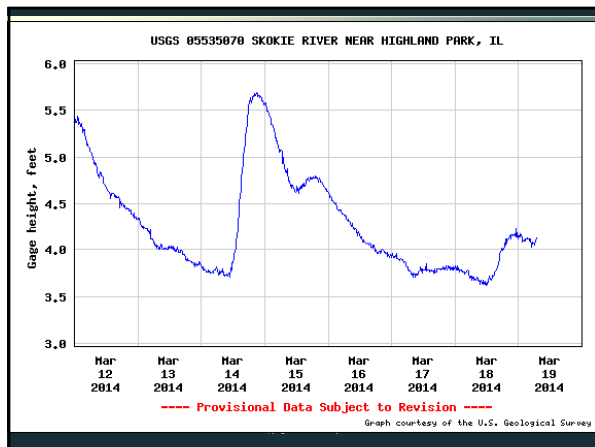
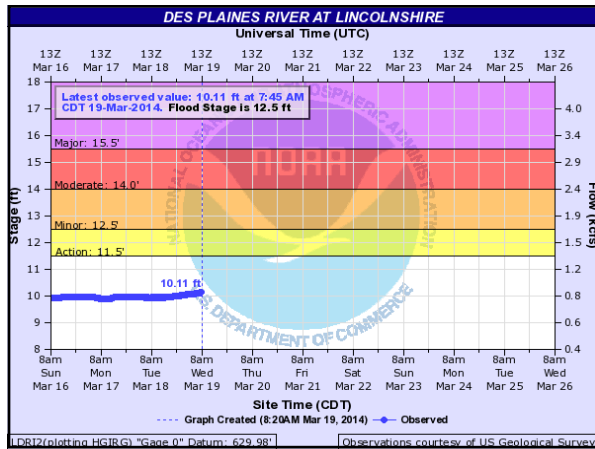
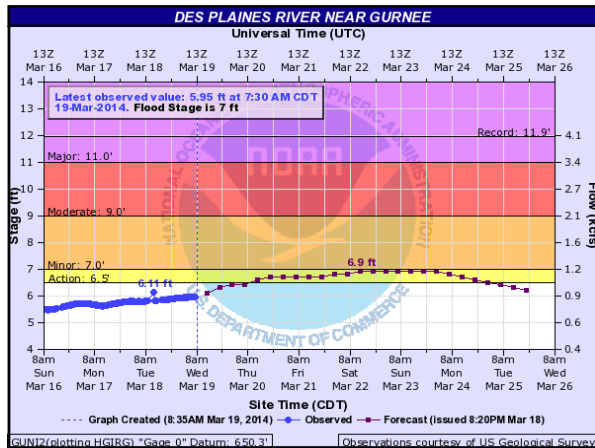
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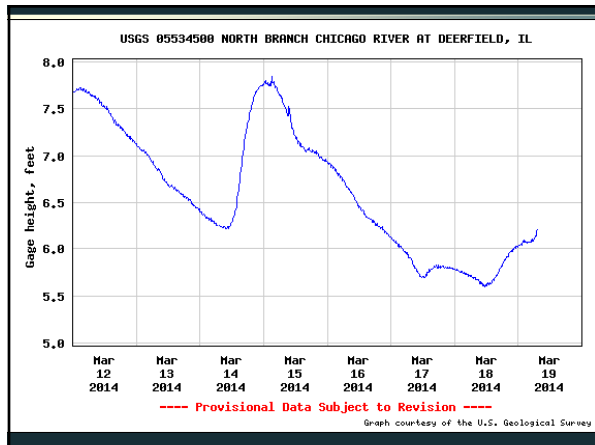
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## Sources of Information

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### Situation

- Gauges – STAGE
- Gauges – FLOW
- Precipitation FORECAST
- Precipitation RECEIVED
- River Forecast – PUBLIC
- River Forecast – ENSBMBLE (EM ONLY)

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*Includes links to  
EXPERIMENTAL FORECAST INFORMATION*

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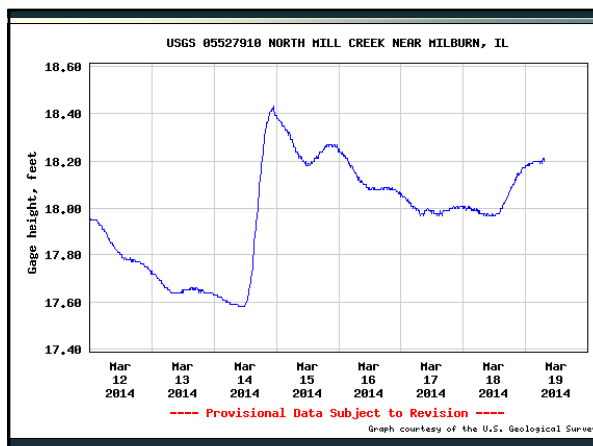
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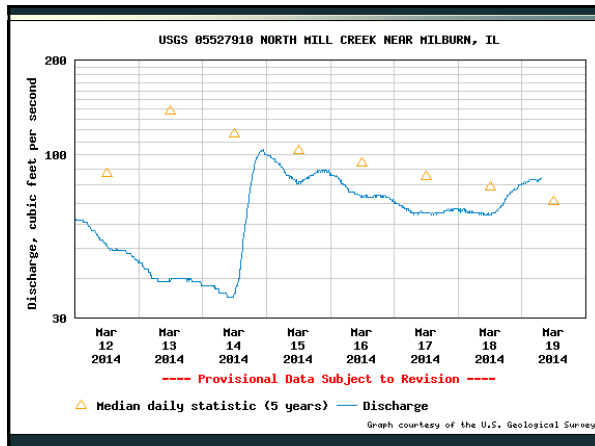
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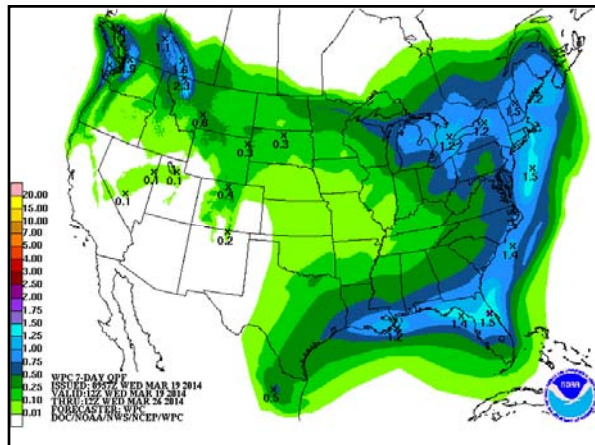
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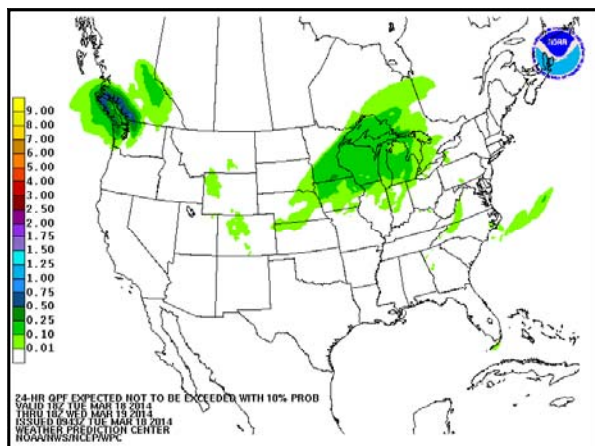
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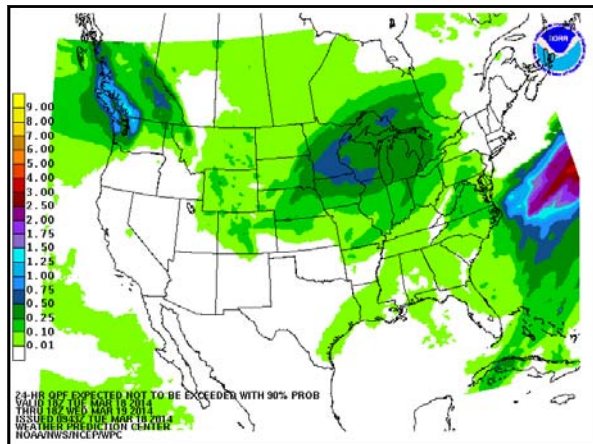
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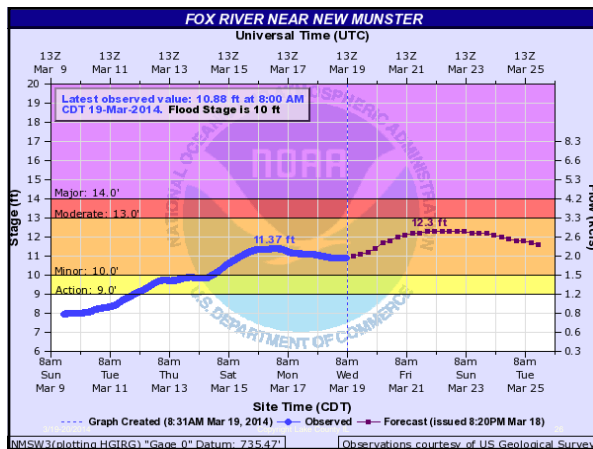
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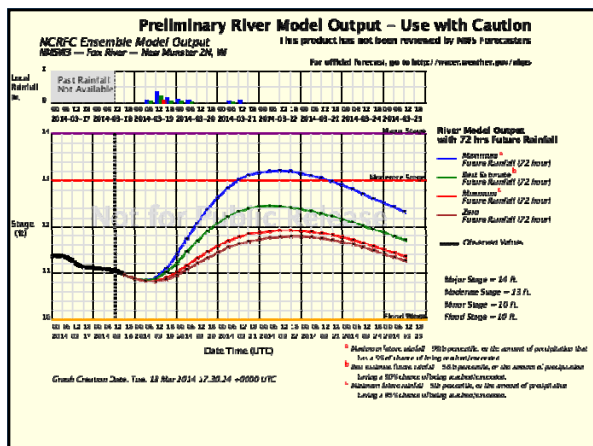
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# Lake County Flood Response

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## Why are we here?

- ☐ For the people of our communities
- ☐ For the businesses in our communities
- ☐ To keep our communities safe
- ☐ To make our communities better
  
- ☐ Our boss told us we had to be here

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## Disasters BEGIN as LOCAL problems

## Disasters END as LOCAL problems

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If your house catches on fire, it's **YOUR PROBLEM**.

- Help - Fire Department , EMS, Law Enforcement, Building Inspectors, Adjustors, Investigators, etc.
- They will all go away, and you have a burned-out house, which is **YOUR PROBLEM** – not theirs.
- The same is true of different government units...  
Help may come from other levels,  
but first and last it's a local problem.

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## Lake County

- Unified flood response
  - Many different departments / divisions
  - Acting as a single organization
- Support for Partner Organizations
  - Situational Awareness
  - Resources
  - Recovery

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## Command versus Coordination

- Command is directing the tactical response to an incident or event. It is usually done in close proximity to the scene, by people familiar with the specific response tactics.
- Coordination is supporting the response by ensuring adequate appropriate resources are available. It is usually done from an Emergency Operations Center, and is more strategic in focus.

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### Emergency Management

- ☐ Prevention
- ☐ Mitigation



- ☐ Preparedness
- ☐ Response
- ☐ Recovery



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### Emergency Management Agency

- ☐ LEAD for COORDINATION
- ☐ Designated reps from all departments
- ☐ Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
- ☐ Gathering information from partners
- ☐ Sharing information with partners
- ☐ Finding and managing resources
- ☐ Managing disaster proclamation process

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### Stormwater Management Commission

- ☐ LEAD for FLOOD ISSUES
- ☐ Technical Information & Analysis
- ☐ Regional / Sub-watershed issues
- ☐ Non-certified communities
- ☐ Field Assessment of Flow / Inundation
- ☐ Coordinated through EOC

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### Planning, Building, & Development

- ❑ LEAD for DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
- ❑ Substantial Damage Documentation
- ❑ Permits for Flood Recovery
- ❑ WDO / UDO Enforcement (unincorporated)
- ❑ Coordinated through EOC

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### Communications Division

- ❑ LEAD for PUBLIC INFORMATION
- ❑ Coordination with Media
- ❑ Public Messaging
  - Web / Social Media / E-Newsletters
  - News Releases / LCTV / Press Conferences
- ❑ Coordinated through EOC

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### Sheriff's Office

- ❑ LEAD for LAW ENFORCEMENT
- ❑ Coordination with Police Departments
- ❑ Security in flooded areas
  - Unincorporated, by contract, or mutual aid
- ❑ Investigation of Criminal Actions
- ❑ Coordinated through EOC

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### Health Department

- ❑ LEAD for HEALTH & SAFETY
- ❑ Well Safety & Testing
- ❑ Infectious Disease Management
  - Vector Control
  - Sanitation Oversight
- ❑ Mass Care (Shelter) Support
- ❑ Coordinated through EOC

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### Public Works Department

- ❑ LEAD for FLOOD FIGHT operations
- ❑ Manages Water & Wastewater Systems
- ❑ Manages NLE Levee on Des Plaines River
- ❑ Maintains Flood Fighting Resources
- ❑ Sandbags / Machines / Pumps / Generators
- ❑ Coordinated through EOC

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### Division of Transportation

- ❑ Lead for ROADS and TRANSPORT
- ❑ LC PASSAGE Traffic Management Center
- ❑ Maintains / Protects County Roads
- ❑ Transport / Machines / Signage / Detours
- ❑ Storm Debris Collection & Disposal
- ❑ Coordinated through EOC

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### County Board (through Chairman)

- LEAD for POLICY
- Disaster Proclamation
  - Ordinance / Rule suspension
  - Access restrictions
  - Whole of effort to disaster response
- Policy Approach for Unusual Situations
- Coordinated through EOC

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### Situational Awareness

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### Resource Management

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## Expectations of Partner Organizations

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## Information Updates

- ☐ What is HAPPENING in YOUR AREA?
- ☐ How many are IMPACTED?
- ☐ What are YOU DOING?
- ☐ What do you think you might NEED?
  
- ☐ If we get NO INFORMATION, we don't know what is happening or what you need!

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## Resource Requests

- ☐ WHAT do you need RIGHT NOW?
- ☐ WHAT do you think you MIGHT NEED?
- ☐ SPECIFICS! Quantity, Location, Etc.
- ☐ Point-of-contact!
  
- ☐ Supplies, Equipment, Teams, Information

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## Damage Assessment

- ❑ Extension of initial IMPACT ASSESSMENT
- ❑ Details – Buildings, Roads & Streets
- ❑ DEPTH of FLOODWATER in structures
- ❑ PBD in UNINCORPORATED AREAS
- ❑ SMC can help within MUNICIPALITIES
- ❑ STANDARD FORMS

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## COLLABORATION

- ❑ No community is an ISLAND
- ❑ Neighbors help neighbors
- ❑ Be willing to share information
- ❑ Be willing to share resources
- ❑ Be willing to ASK for help
- ❑ Be willing to GIVE help

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## Coordination Tools

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## “EM Partners” Email List

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## “FLOOD Info” Webpage

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## Disaster Proclamation & Declaration Process

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## Declaration / Proclamation

- ☐ Local Proclamation
- ☐ County Proclamation
- ☐ State Proclamation
- ☐ Governor's Request to FEMA
- ☐ Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA)
- ☐ Presidential Disaster DECLARATION

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## FEMA Changes for 2014

- ☐ Minimum PA claim WAS \$1000
- ☐ Increased to \$3000
- ☐ Otherwise, similar to last year.

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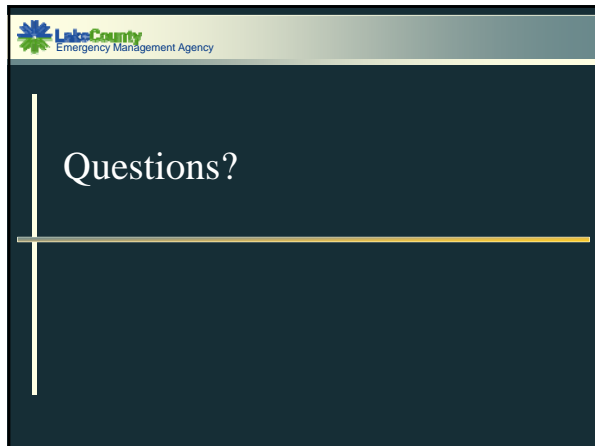
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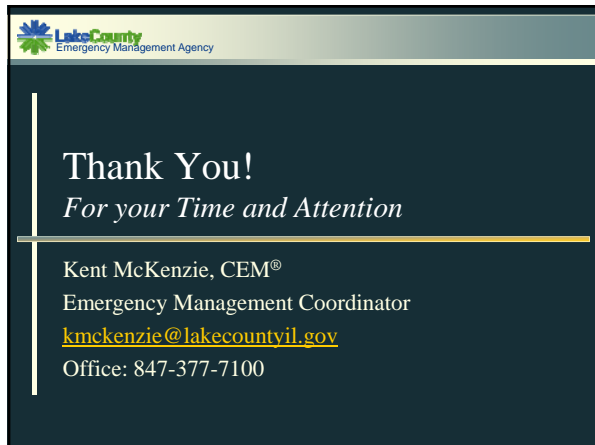
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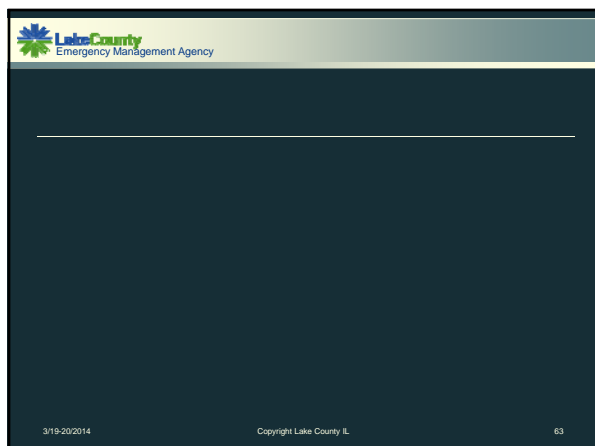
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